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SUBJECT:R/V THOMAS WASHINGTON

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1. DEPT CONCURS WITH POST'S SUGGESTION PARA 3 REFTTEL;
TREAT AS PREVIOUS YEAR.

2. VESSEL ITINERARY FOLLOWS: DEPART SURABAJA FEBRUARY 12
THROUGH MAKASSAR STRAIT INTO CELEBES SEA, THENCE THROUGH
SIBUTU PASSAGE INTO SULU SEA FOR DIRECT RUN TO CEBU,
ARRIVING FEBRUARY 17. DEPART CEBU FEB 21 OUT CANIGAO
CHANNEL INTO MINDANAO SEA, THENCE THROUGH HINATUAN
PASSAGE FOR TRENCH AREA, ARRIVING GUAM MARCH 20.

3. CEBU AGENT IS GETZ BROS. SUGGEST PHILS BOARD FOR CEBU
GUAM LEG. CHIEF INTEREST THIS PORTION CRUISE IS STUDY OF
BENTHIC ANIMAL COMMUNITIES OF PHILIPPINE, PALAU, YAP AND
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MARIANAS TRENCH AREAS. CHIEF SCIENTIST IS PROF. ROBERT R.

HESSLER OF SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY, LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA. DEEP SEA CAMERAS, BOX CORERS AND LARGE VOLUME SAMPLERS WILL BE USED TO RECORD AND RECOVER SPECIMENS OF THESE ANIMALS. ALSO EXPECTED THAT ROUTINE UNDERWAY OCEANOGRAPHIC OBSERVATIONS (BATHYMETRY, GRAVITY AND MAGNETICS)

WILL BE TAKEN. SHOULD PHILS BOARD CEBU, COMMUNICATIONS WOULD NOT BE AS CRITICAL AS EARLIER CASE. HOWEVER USG COMM FACILITIES COULD CABLE SCRIPPS DIRECTLY (CABLE ADDRESS SIOCEAN) TO ARRANGE FREQUENCY/TIME OF CONTACT IN ADVANCE OF VESSEL'S ARRIVAL. VESSEL HAS WIDE RANGE OF

VOICE/CW CAPABILITY. CALL LETTERS ARE KGWU. INGERSOLL

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